GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDO-GERMAN SECURITY DIALOGUE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, `Indo-German Security Dialogue` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated February 27, 2001;

(b) whether any agreement has been signed on defence co-operation between the two countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the German has agreed to lift the sanctions which were imposed after the Pokhran nuclear tests in 1998; and

(e) if not, the steps taken by the Government to ease the situation in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): The German Defence Minister and his delegation visited India in February, 2001.Delegation level talks were held between the German and the Indian delegations in which the security concerns of both the countries were discussed. No agreement was, however, signed on defence cooperation between the two countries. During the discussions, various areas of concern to Indian defence industries and R&D organisations were covered.